

Tyndale Benefice Lent Books 2024

Lent is a good time for reflection and reading.

One way that can help us to deepen our reflection is to read a book deliberately chosen for Lent.

This year we're offering two types of book:

One type that gives you a reading each day combined with a reflection;
The other type is a book that is just divided into chapters which you can take as long or as short a time to read.

There will be sign-up sheets at the back of church and then we will be happy to order the book for you from the Cotswold Bookroom, Long Street, Wotton.

THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO PAY UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE BOOK.

1. Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith
by Selina Stone

Every year, the Archbishop of Canterbury commissions a book for people to read in Lent. This is the 2024 Archbishop's book and is the Lent Book that Bishop Rachel is commending to us to read.

"Tarrying" is a Black Christian spiritual practice in which believers actively wait to experience the manifestation of God's presence. It answers "yes" to the question Jesus once asked his disciples: will you tarry here and watch with me? Whether in the vibrancy of music and singing, or in the hushed silence of the congregation, people of all ages anticipate an encounter with God that will transform what they know, feel and experience day to day. This book makes the wisdom of Black spiritualities and faith available for all people. It focuses on seven themes: darkness as a place of encounter with the divine; the unity of all things; movement, belonging and migration; the Spirit as one who moves in unexpected ways; quiet contemplation as essential to spiritual growth; healing in community; and weeping

that turns to joy. “Tarry Awhile” centres the stories of often overlooked people and communities, offering wisdom for all people who hope to encounter God in the midst of wearying times. It provides fresh reflections on familiar biblical passages, and draws on personal stories, theology and the spiritual wisdom of ancestors who have gone before us.

This book is divided into chapters. Price: £11.99

2. **Lent with the Beloved Disciple** by Bishop Michael Marshall

The 2024 Bloomsbury Lent Book invites you on a six-week journey in the company of the ‘beloved disciple’ as found in the narrative of the Gospel of St John.

As the only disciple to have stayed close to Jesus at every stage from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion at Calvary, this eagle-eyed eyewitness intentionally records certain subtle details and signs which, when perceived with the eyes of faith, indicate a deeper and far lasting significance. Michael Marshall explores what these signs are and how, with prayerful reflection, they draw us ever more deeply into the personal, eternal and cosmic significance and awareness of all that Christ accomplished by his death and resurrection – the Paschal Mystery. Ideal for both individual use and for small group study, *Lent with the Beloved Disciple* takes us into the heart of that Paschal Mystery, by which all things in heaven and earth are ultimately fulfilled in the risen and ascended Christ, who is ‘all in all’.

This book is divided into chapters.

Price: 10.99

3. **Loving my Neighbour – A Lenten Journey** Edited by **Olivia Warburton**

It’s never been more important to understand how much God loves us and how much he wants us to love each other. *Loving My*

Neighbour takes us on a journey through the challenging terrain of how we can truly love one another, individually and in our communities. Daily Bible readings and reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day explore how we can love in truth, love the vulnerable and the suffering, embrace difference, care for our world, and love ourselves as God loves us. Holy Week brings us back to reflect on Christ on the cross, who loved us to the very end.

This book is made up of daily readings Price: £9.99

4. **Transfiguration: 50 Pilgrim Steps** by Rob Marshall

In fifty pithy and engaging daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter and beyond, Rob Marshall leads us on a pilgrim journey to the Mountain of the Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus displaying the overwhelming glory of God to three chosen disciples is one of the most potent yet mysterious stories in the gospels, and a prelude to all that will occur in Jerusalem.

Popular broadcaster Rob Marshall explores the many layers of the Transfiguration and relates them to ordinary human experiences – journeying, prayer, revelation, tiredness, sleep, fear, doubt, waiting, questioning, listening, suffering, vision and much more.

Mountaintop encounters with the divine are transformative, but like the disciples we are not meant to stay there. Instead, we return to the realities of daily life, changed forever by glimpsing the glory of the God. Transfiguration will help you take the power of divine revelation into your ordinary daily Christian life.

This book is made up of daily readings. Price: £12.99